(ii) in the work of the Institute, the focus on the child should embrace the mother as she has the decisive role in the development of the child;

(iii) while ICDS has emerged as the most important programme for the development of child, the concern of the Institute in the areas of research, training and consultancy should not be confined merely to the ICDS. The Institute should work in a much wider area viz, the integrated development of the child and mother in its most comprehensive and varied forms;

(iv) in view of the very high importance that should be attached to women, their legal, economic and social rights and the magnitude of the work involved in planning for their development there was need for a separate National Institute for Women's Development;

(v) the Committee recommended that the Institute should have two main Departments (i) the Mother and Child Development Department and (ii) the Training and Common Services Department. The former will have three divisions viz. Child Development; Mother Care; and Public Cooperation. The latter will also have three divisions viz. Training; Monitoring and Evaluation; and Common Services. Each Department should be headed by an Additional Director. The Committee recommended creation of two posts of Additional Directors to head these Departments; and

(vi) the Committee made recommendations on rationalising the modes of recruitment to academic, professional and administrative posts at various levels and made provision for avenues of promotion for different categories of academic and administrative staff.

Indian Nationals in Pak Jails

835. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan Embassy at New Delhi has refuted charges made by the Indian Govrenment in connection with the Indian Nationals in Pakistan jails as reported in the Indian Express dated 5th April, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the facts thereof; and Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to have a dialogue with the Pakistan Government in this regard in the near future; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The Pakistan Embassy in New Delhi refuted a certain statement, alleged to have been made by an official of the Indian Embassy, in Islamabad, which in fact had never been made.

(b) It is confirmed that no such statement was made by any Indian Embassy official.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Streamlining the air services at Calicut

836. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to streamline the present air services at Calicut Airport by introducing additional direct flights to Bombay and airlinking Calicut to Gulf countries by direct flights; and